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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In October 2011 the X-Ray Technician and Health Care Assistant Programs charged **James R. H. Maxwell** (XT00004119, HC00150727) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly performed duties outside the scope of practice for health care assistants and x-ray technicians.

Chelan County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Misty Sunshine Rains** (NA00077137) with unprofessional conduct. While deputies performed a welfare check on a resident, they allegedly found Ms. Rains in an apparent state of intoxication. She allegedly left the oven on and the food inside was burning and she was holding a nearly empty bottle of vodka.

Cowlitz County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Wendi Ann Newman** (NA00094953, NC60129078) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole more than \$5,000 from a client. She was convicted of theft, and violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act — possession of vicodin.

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King County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rita Alefosio** (NC10068496) with unprofessional conduct. After a patient fell, Alefosio allegedly failed to contact emergency medical personnel, and didn't report the incident to other staff members at the facility. Alefosio also allegedly failed to report the incident to the patient's family and didn't disclose the fall when the patient's daughter asked if the patient had fallen.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the registration of registered nursing assistant **Socrates Bravo** (NA60050837) on probation for one year. He allegedly accidentally pushed a resident to the floor when he raised his hands in reaction to the resident spitting on him.

In September 2011 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant applicant **Hung P. Hoang** (VB60195391). He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in money laundering.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Julia Marie Lovato** (NC60245815) and placed her certification on probation until March 2013. She entered into a deferred prosecution for the conviction of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In October 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Boris Povzner** (VA00057414) and **Pharmacy Plus** (CF00057310) with unprofessional conduct. Mr. Povzner held controlling ownership of Pharmacy Plus during all pertinent time frames. He allegedly failed to maintain pharmacist oversight of assisting staff and remodeled the pharmacy without board approval.

In October 2011 the Massage Program charged **Denise S. Su** (MA00015915) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a client. She also allegedly provided other clients with full body massage, including sexual contact, for a fee.

In October 2011 the Respiratory Care Practitioner and Nursing Assistant Programs placed the license and registration of respiratory care practitioner and registered nursing assistant **Sonia M. Whyte** (LR00003355, NA60120000) on probation for five years. She turned off an alarm and walked away without assessing a patient. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Kitsap County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jessica Nicol Cody** (NA60061582) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly physically abused a patient.

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Mason County

In March 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Kevin D. Schultz** (ES01168846) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to disclose a guilty plea on two counts of attempted arson and a citation for false reporting on his application for reactivation.

Pierce County

In October 2011, after a hearing, the Massage Program denied the application of **Tracy R. Adams** (MA60169672). He was convicted of seven counts of computer trespass and his certification to practice as a paramedic was revoked.

In October 2011, after a hearing, the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michael D. Bateman** (CO60213573) and placed his registration on probation. He was convicted of possession of marijuana on more than one occasion, unlawful possession of a controlled substance on more than one occasion, shoplifting on more than one occasion, theft, unlawful possession with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, controlled substance possession — without a prescription, making a false statement to a public servant, identity theft, trafficking stolen property, taking a motor vehicle without permission, and forgery. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In October 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program granted the application of **Patrick Steven Crews** (CG60230444) and placed conditions against his registration with which he must comply. Terms and conditions were placed against his registration to practice as a registered nursing assistant.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Zoe Jordan Dionas** (NC60242391) and placed her certification on probation for one year. She was convicted of theft on two occasions. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In October 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Andrew LeRoy Farmer** (CO60150212).

Spokane County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ronica M.** Coleman (NC10074002) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault, and driving under the influence.

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Kevan D. Kemp** (RN00135528, AP30006243) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his licenses.

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Walla Walla County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Corey E. Carter** (NC60156430). He was convicted of driving under the influence and entered into deferred prosecution for driving under the influence and driving while license suspended. He failed to appear at the scheduled hearing for his credential.

In October 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Randolph C. Pearson** (DE00004967) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to notify a patient when he failed to remove all the roots during a tooth extraction.

Yakima County

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **David J. Corona** (NA60058737) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault — domestic violence, a class C felony, and of misdemeanor assault — domestic violence.

Out of State

Florida: In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Summer Michelle McCall** (NA60107745, NC60136087) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly was observed accessing a machine that dispenses controlled substances, staggering and bouncing off walls. She tested positive in a urinalysis for benzodiazepines.

Hawaii: In October 2011 the Board of Occupational Therapy released occupational therapy assistant **Kimberlie A. Payne** (OC60114073) from terms and conditions set against her license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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